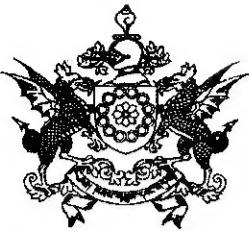


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NOTIFICATION

With approval of the State Government, the following guidelines and criteria for implementation of Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme (NBBFS) are hereby notified:

1. The scheme shall provide financial assistance annually to 2 (two) meritorious students who secure admission in Masters Course in one of the top-20 universities of the world.
2. The ranking of the university shall be ascertained from the list of global overall ranking published by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings every year.
3. Candidates selected under this scheme will be conferred with the title of "Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellow".
4. The scheme shall be open to anyone and everyone hailing from the State of Sikkim having a valid Certificate of Identification/Sikkim Subject Certificate.
5. There shall be an upper ceiling of Rupees Fifty Lakhs only (Rs. 50,00,000) per candidate for the entire course, which will cover expenses towards tuitions, boarding and lodging in the university campus and one set of to-and-fro travel from Sikkim to the country of study by economy class. The financial assistance will be released to selected candidates in two equal instalments if the Masters Course is of two semesters. If the Masters Course is of four semesters, then the financial assistance will be released in four equal instalments.
6. Selected candidates will have to sign a bond with the State Government attesting that the selected course will be completed or has been completed by them. In case of non-completion of the course owing to any issues whatsoever, the candidate will be liable to refund the entire amount of scholarship sanctioned.
7. In an endeavour to give back to the State Government and to disseminate knowledge acquired by them through this scheme, Government of Sikkim may offer candidates the opportunity to serve the State Government for a period of 3 (three) years on a

contractual basis. The candidates shall serve at the discretion of the State Government.

8. The candidates will be paid a monthly honorarium of Rupees One Lakh only (Rs. 1,00,000) during the period of their contractual service.
9. The course opted for by the candidate should hold relevance and be beneficial to the State of Sikkim and be centered on good governance and public administration.
10. Candidates securing admission for courses such as Master in Business Administration (MBA), Languages and Management courses shall not be eligible to avail the scholarship.
11. The scheme shall be operated by the Education Department with a dedicated budget head for this purpose.
12. Eligible candidates must submit their applications to the Director (Higher Education), Education Department, on or before 30th September of the concerned academic session/year. For instance, candidates who secure admission for the 2023-24 academic session must apply by 30th September, 2023.
13. The candidates will be selected by the Selection Committee comprising of the following:
 - i. Chief Secretary : Chairperson
 - ii. Secretary-in-charge of Finance Department : Member
 - iii. Secretary-in-charge of Finance Department : Member
 - iv. Director, Higher Education : Member-Secretary

This notification is in supersession of Notification No: 21/DIR(HE)/EDN dated 01.10.2021 and Notification No. 12/DIR(HE)/EDN dated 22.02.2021.

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